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PROPAGATION: July 24, High/Low Normal; Jul 25, High Normal; Jul 26, Below Normal; Jul 27, High Normal; Jul 28, Low Normal; Jul 29, Low/Below Normal; Jul 30, High/Above Normal; Jul 31, Aug 1, High Normal; Aug 2, High/Low Normal; Aug 3, High Normal; Aug 4, High/Low Normal; Aug 5, High Normal; Aug 6, High/Above Normal; Aug 7, High/Low Normal; Aug 8, High/Low Normal; Aug 9, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

HHØN

The Radio Club of Haiti is operating from Navassa this week, signing HHØN, as predicted in TDXB #98. The operation will not count for DXCC unless the Club provides the DXCC Desk with copies of permission from the U.S. Coast Guard, plus with proof that they are/were operating from Navassa itself and not some other spot close. QSL manager for the operation is WD4JNS, Julio Ripoli, 1286 S. Alhambra Cir, # 1M4, Coral Gables FL 33134.

AFRICA

Vince Thompson, K5VT, appeared last week from the Congo, signing TNØVT; he advises that he expects to be in Burundi 9U5, Lesotho 7P, Zimbabwe ZE, Kenya 5Z, and Tanzania 5H, all with operating permission likely. Other stops which may or may not allow air time include S9, 5V, 5U and TT. QSLs to K5VT, whose last known address was 4028 Perlita, Apt. 4, Los Angeles CA 90039.

ARRL/DXCC

All 60ØDX Somalia QSLs are now good for DXCC, beginning with July 20, 1980 (ref. TDXB #90). QSL manager I2YAE (PO Box 15, Ispra Varese 21027, Italy) had suspended all QSLing until the matter was laid to rest. Those who have been awaiting cards should expect them to appear in the near future.

W4MGN is on schedule with his African operations, having just been at the

9U5JM station in Burundi. Ed will be bringing back paperwork which may clear up the documentation situation (no 9U5JM cards are presently accepted for DXCC). 9U5WR continues active, and QSLs for that station (by SP6FER) are acceptable.

JA8BMK has reportedly been at XZ5A again, to deliver a linear amplifier and antenna parts. ARRL has sent letters to the central government in Rangoon, via the U.S. Department of State, and any DXCC credits will have to wait until a reply is received.

The latest ARRL Director's Letter reports on disposition of the K6LPL situation. The Director's Letter states that K6LPL had submitted phony cards for his personal DXCC early in 1981, on two occasions. The League decided to treat correspondence from K6LPL in the order in which it was received. Thus, although Dave resigned from the DXCC program in May, the League has now officially disqualified him from DXCC on the basis of the DXCC endorsement submissions which came before the resignation. These actions have no effect on K6LPL's recent DXpeditions and the resulting QSLs, nor does the disqualification have any bearing on the distribution of phony blank cards by K6LPL and others.

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If you missed W4MAT/SV5 and SVØAA/5 last week, DJØUN/SV5 will give another opportunity for Rhodes Aug 1-8 on 40-10 Meters. This will be a CW only operation stressing 15 and 20 Meters. QSL DJØUN.

Nothing was heard of the Dutch group aiming for Monaco last week, although their advance publicity had been extensive.

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A San Felix CEØX operation continues to be top news from most sources; Bob Reed, SVØBV, and others are aiming for the middle two weeks of September. They are apparently collecting money in an "escrow fund" c/o N4CNL.

ZL1AMO, following his recent Lord Howe VK4ANS/LH operation, now plans to activate Kermadec in November or December of this year, but needs \$3000 to pull it off.

A good multiplier in the CQ World-wide DX Phone Contest the end of October will be ZK2 Niue, by members of the No. California DX Club, who have licensing permission at hand. They will not be assigned callsigns until arrival on Niue. Other members of the Club will be on Niue at the end of November for the CW part of the Contest.

It is well known that California has both a Northern and Southern DX Club; unfortunately, many there have been burdened by living midway between the two clubs' centers. On Aug 2, a fairly large group of DXers will meet in Visalia, at the Holiday Inn, at 2 pm. You can get a chicken dinner and discuss the possibility of forming a Central California DX Club. Earl Warford, W6MEL, is spearheading the effort to form a new organization for those who find it difficult to participate in the activities of the two other DX clubs.

Although the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (1AØKM) has not yet been approved for DXCC status, it is a foregone conclusion that it will be before long; IØMGM advises that he plans another operation from SMOM in September. QSLing for past operations is current, with all cards received having been answered.

One of the many U.S. citizens stationed on Diego Garcia is C.E. Coursey, N3QA. He signs VQ9QA, will be on until September as follows: 14030 at 1000-1400Z; 21050 at 1600-1800Z. Days of the week vary but usually include Sat and Sun.

A4XIJ has been found in the 15 Meter Novice band (21100-200) around 0000Z; he is just learning the Code so go easy.

BALANCE SHEET

TDXB STICKER BANK

For those new to TDXB, the DXCC Transparent Sticker Bank was established last summer to maintain a storehouse of the soon-to-be extinct transparent DXCC endorsement stickers. The transparent stickers are being phased out by Newington and are being replaced with opaque white jobs. If you have spare transparent stickers please contribute them to the Bank. In return, the bank endeavors to supply you with transparent stickers (in case you are sent opaque ones and don't want them on your certificate). Present needs of the Bank are for 270, 315, 325 in particular.

FCC on June 4 issued an Order to Show Cause and Suspension Order in the matter of deliberate interference to the Maritime Mobile Net (14313) by K4MME and W1GM. FCC's document is significant because the importance of various nets to the public interest is stressed. They specifically mention nets used by military personnel, medical nets (Eye Bank), nets used by missionaries from the States, and nets formed during natural disasters. There is no mention of DX nets. The FCC order also states that both W1GM and K4MME are (were) Extra Class licensees, and FCC points out that the Amateur Extra Class license carries the greatest mode and frequency privileges of any license which they issue, amateur or otherwise.

The Central Pennsylvania DX Club will operate WB3DNA/Portable TMI from the site of the former Three Mile Island nuclear power plant 80-10 Meters Aug 22 and 23.

A small, dedicated group continues trying to work all Russian oblasts (TDXB 96) and they have a very esoteric newsletter being distributed by K1KI. If you are searching for new horizons drop K1KI a SASE or two for a sample. Looks like K3EST leads the pack, needing only three Oblasts to have them all.

TIPS

TL8AV 21300 @ 2300
JY9RC 21275 @ 1900
9U5JM 21285 @ 1900
S79RD 21280 @ 2200
3B8DB 14215 @ 1200

ZB2FK 21295 @ 0000
VK9ZD 21310 @ 0400
AH2L 14205 @ 1200
FK8DJ 14210 @ 1200
8Q7AZ 14210 @ 1100

D4CBC 14205 @ 0100
S79WHW 14205 @ 1200
TL8CN 14033 @ 0000
UH8EAA 21010 @ 2000
J73D 21010 @ 1900

GJ3YHU 14002 @ 1900
UH8DC 14020 @ 0300
CN2AQ 14040 @ 0300
HS5AID 21035 @ 1900
9U5WR 21020 @ 1900

9M2LN 14040 @ 1100
7X4BL 14030 @ 0200
VK9ZD 14232 @ 1000
9M2BH 14042 @ 1500
3D6AX 14006 @ 1300

H44BU 14255 @ 1200
KG6JFO 14314 @ 1200
P29FV 14225 @ 1100
KX6OR 14205 @ 1100
FRØFLO 14210 @ 1000

YJ8BG 14215 @ 1000
AH8AA 14242 @ 1000
HL9DX 14250 @ 1200
YB3DC 14212 @ 1100
JTØWA 14227 @ 1200

SU1AA 21300 @ 0300
VK9YC 14225 @ 1200
STØAS 21350 @ 0300
AP2FQ 14238 @ 0100
HKØFBF 14210 @ 0100

JY3ZH 14220 @ 2200
5Z4YV 14215 @ 2100
ZK2BG 14025 @ 1200
9V1TL 14031 @ 1200
N7ET/DU6 14020 @ 1100

TIPS

HS2AMX 14015 @ 1100
VS5RP 14025 @ 1100
J88AM 28550 @ 1800
5Z4GM 21315 @ 2200
KHØAC 14290 @ 0900

KA2AA 14290 @ 0900
WBØICS/KH7 14290 @ 1000
FOØFB 14224 @ 1000
FK8CR 14227 @ 1000
TF3KG 14208 @ 1000

FG7BP 21019 @ 1200
UI8LBA 21018 @ 1700
VP8ZR 21350 @ 1800
VK9ZD 14265 @ 0600
ZE8JW 14013 @ 1415

FK8CL 7006 @ 1100
3D2ER 14282 @ 0900
EP2TY 14225 @ 0200
7Z2AP 14210 @ 0100
T3ØDB 14210 @ 1100

ZK1CV 14218 @ 1000
TA2KS 14220 @ 2000
T3ØAC 14250 @ 1000
AH8AA 14240 @ 1000
KH3AB 14290 @ 1800

ZL1BLQ 14210 @ 1000 (claims to be
Kermadec - no
confirmation)

VS5RP 14025 @ 1300
VS6DT 14050 @ 1300

VK9NL 14010 @ 1500
KX6QC 14010 @ 0600
H44DX 7005 @ 0600
4K1B 7010 @ 1100
TR8DX 21280 @ 2000

YI1BGD 14232 @ 0100
AH2L 14030 @ 1100
A4XIH 14035 @ 1200
VQ9QA 14040 @ 1100
EP2TY 14225 @ 0200

Mostly 20 Meter reports, these. Is there any thrill like lasting through the summer doldrums in good sunspot times, followed by those crisp autumn days when 10 Meters finally opens up again everywhere? Will 10 do it again this year? We should know in about six weeks!

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

Dodecanese /SV5 SV0AA and W4MAT until Jul 28; I. 29
 Corsica F0CH/FC Now to Jul 28 by HB9TL; I. 96
 Liberia EL2AG Now to Jul 29, W4MGN, I. 93
 Royal Wedding GB4RWD Jul 28-Aug 2; I. 98
 Gambia C5ACC Jul 29-Aug 10, W4MGN; I. 93

Cal. Meeting Visalia Cent. CA DX Club Aug 2; I. 100
 Dodecanese CW Aug 1-8, DJ0UJ; I. 100
 Andorra C3ILM Aug 1-15, Spanish group; I. 96
 Aland Is OH6JW/0 Aug. 3-10
 Convention Pac. NW Portland, Aug 8-9; I. 95

WD5AAM, W0BW, W4VQ, W7YF,
 WA2PHA, WB4TCH, W1UN, KA1KD,
 KB8RT, HP1AC, N8BKB, XE1NI,
 W0VX, K6IR, AE5V, KL7HEI,
 W8UVZ, WA2SON, K8IA, W5DV,
 KP4EQF, K1RM, KE1F, KA0E, W9BW,
 KA1DOS, VQ9QA, HB9AQW, I0MGM,
 W6BYH, LA0CX, K3LR, N2UN,
 KE7C, W1WY, W0VX, W9TM, K9KM.

FLASH

As we go to press, it has just been announced that Carlos V. Roberts, head of FCC's Private Radio division, will leave in September for a new job in private industry.

Roberts is not a radio amateur; perhaps his successor will be.

Contest WAE CW Aug 8-9
 Leichtenstein HB0 Aug 7-9 by HB9AQW and friends
 Macao CR9 Rumored Aug 9-15, JA1PCY
 Contest All Asia CW, Aug 22-23
 Contest WAE Phone, Sep 12-13

San Felix CE0X Rumored Sep 14-28, SV0BV; I. 100
 Convention DXPO 81 Atlanta, Sep 19-20; I. 98

WHAT I DID LAST-SUMMER

We didn't do anything last summer, but this year your editor got away for eight days. What we got away to was a radio factory in Iowa.

If there is anything like a "company town" left in the U.S. it is surely Cedar Rapids Iowa. Nearly everyone you bump into in town either works for Collins, used to work for Collins, or knows someone who does or did. The fishing was n.g. but we did have a nice tour of two facilities there. As you may know, our ham gear, the KWM-380, is not made in Iowa but rather in El Paso. Most of the rest of the Collins production is done in Cedar Rapids, i.e., commercial radios. They go to a number of countries which rely on hf communications in place of such things as telephones. Collins is also a mainstay of the flying crowd...they sell a variety of avionics gear to both private and commercial flyers.

We had a nice visit with one of the Eastern Iowa DX Association's members, and listened to their club frequency on 2 meters. The locals were discussing the absence of the 3A station they were laying for, and cursing that @\$\$%&* DX Bulletin which said Monaco would be on.

Another stop on our 3100-miles-in-eight days meandering was in Chicago, where we regrettably missed by one day the meeting of the Northern Illinois DX Assn. We did, however, get another perspective on the continuing Central Division ARRL Director election problem. Looks to us as if the parties are going to have to sit down face to face and air their differences.

And you may remember Doc Sheller, ex-WA8ZDF. He is back on as KN8Z. Doc sez he is not interested in big-time DXing and contesting as in past years...but the quantity of aluminum in his backyard leads one to believe otherwise. Keeping someone like him away from the radio for long is probably as hard as pulling teeth.

For those of you shopping for an auto, the TDXB diesel Rabbit turned 45 miles per gallon and used a half quart of oil in 3100 miles. It performed flawlessly.

And, by the way, we didn't come back emptyhanded...the next equipment evaluation on these pages will be of the Collins KWM-380. TDXB will be the first publication to evaluate the newest from Collins. But we have to give it back when the evaluation is published...it might be years!